

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONNA ANDERSON, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C05-1576JLR

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable James L. Robart:

The court is in receipt of Plaintiff's motion to withdraw motion and file amended motion for summary judgment (Dkt. # 28). The court DENIES the motion.

This action is set for trial on February 20, 2007, with dispositive motions due by November 22, 2006 (Dkt. # 22). The court issues scheduling orders setting trial dates and related dates to provide a reasonable schedule for the resolution of disputes. First, the court generally sets the discovery cut-off 30 days prior to the deadline for filing dispositive motions in order to ensure that the court has before it a complete record when it considers a motion that could potentially dispose of the case. Second, the schedule generally provides 90 days between the deadline for filing dispositive motions and the

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1 trial date. This 90-day period takes into account: (a) an approximate 30-day lag between  
2 the date a party files a motion and the date that motion becomes ripe for the court's  
3 consideration, see Local Rules W.D. Wash. CR 7(d)(3); and (b) an additional 30 days  
4 during which the court endeavors to rule on the motion, id. at CR 7(b)(5). Anything short  
5 of a 90-day period leaves inadequate time for the parties to consider the court's ruling and  
6 plan for trial or an alternate resolution.  
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8 Here, Plaintiff's motion to continue the dispositive motion deadline to January 4,  
9 2007, would give the court approximately half the amount of time it requires to rule on  
10 such motions before trial.

11 Filed and entered this 18th day of December, 2006.  
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